Hindustan Copper Ltd

3145. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total profit earned by the Hindustan Copper Limited during the last five years;

(b) whether the Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL) has now been given clearance for implementing its expansion programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount earmarked for the expansion of the HCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) During the period 1986–87 to 1990–91, Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL) earned a net profit of Rs. 144.17 crores.

(b) The Government has not approved any expansion programme of HCL. However, the Company has identified a number of schemes for expansion of its capacities.

(c) and (d). The details of some of the important schemes identified by HGL during 8th Plan subject to availability of funds are as follows:

Estimated cost	*Project duration*	
	(Rs. in crores)	*(In years)*
I. Development of Chapri–Sideshwar Mine of 0.75 million tonnes ore per year capacity with a matching concentrator.	176.00	5/6
II. Expansion of Malanjkhand mine from 2 to 3 million tonnes of ore per year.	100.00	3
III. Development of Danwas mine of 0.6 million tonnes of ore per year.	90.00	5/6
IV. Khetri smelter & refinery expansion from 31,000 to 45,000 tonnes per year.	49.50	3/4

Production of Rails

3146. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to set up the production of 60 Kg. rails indigenously in the steel plants; and

(b) the total requirement of rails and the value in foreign exchange likely to be saved by indigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consumption of Electricity by Agricultural Sector

3147. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to re-formulate the tariff structure to ensure that the State Electricity Board recover their cost of generation and supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the consumption of power by the agricultural sector during 1991-92 state-wise;

(d) whether the Government has plans to remove subsidies on electricity for the agricultural sector; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, tariff-structures of State Electricity Boards are to be devised as to ensure the statutory minimum surplus, and are within the jurisdiction of the State Government concerned. Central Government, in consultation with SEBs and State Governments has, however, proposed to establish 5 Regional Tariff Boards to recommend appropriate tariff structure for each State.

(c) Projection of energy consumption by the Agricultural Sector during 1991-92, as per the 14th Electric Power Survey, is given in the Statement.

(d) and (e). Central Government has recommended a minimum agricultural tariff of 0.50 paise/kwh, which would reduce the gap between the cost of supply of power and actual recovery, in the Agricultural Sector.

STATEMENT

Energy Consumption by the Agricultural Sector – Irrigation/Dewatering – Pumpsets/State Tubewells

State/UT/Region	*Projected (1991-92)*
Haryana	3024.00
Himachal Pradesh	34.00
Jammu & Kashmir	133.00
Punjab	5728.00
Rajasthan	3172.00
Uttar Pradesh	7870.00
Chandigarh	1.75
Delhi	31.00
Total NR	19992.00

State/UT/Region	*Projected (1991–92)*
Goa	12.90
Gujarat	6046.80
Madhya Pradesh	1890.03
Maharashtra	7185.01
D & N Haveli	0.51
Daman & Diu	0.99
Total WR	15135.00
Andhra Pradesh	6118.80
Karnataka	3920.65
Kerala	309.61
Tamil Nadu	3982.78
Pondicherry	68.41
Total SR	14300.00
Bihar	1694.00
Orissa	248.00
Sikkim	0.00
West Bengal	350.63
Total ER	2293.00
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00
Assam	22.60
Manipur	4.20
Meghalaya	1.50

State/UT/Region	*Projected (1991–92)*
Mizoram	0.04
Nagaland	0.00
Tripura	20.62
Total NER	49.00
A&N Islands	0.00
Lakshwadweep	0.00
All India Total	51770.00

Sharing of Profits from Film 'Gandhi'

3148. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Development Corporation (NFDC) is to share certain percentage of the profits from the Film 'GANDHI', a co–production of NFDC and Sir Attenborough;

(b) if so, the amount invested in the film by NFDC and the share of the profit received therefrom so far;

(c) whether the Government had agreed to give five per cent of the profit received by the NFDC to the Cine Artist Welfare Fund; and

(d) if so, the amount so far given to that fund?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount invested in the film by National Film Development Corporation is Rs. 6.36 crores and the net share of the profit received therefrom so far is Rs. 3.74 crores. This is over and above National Film Development Corporation's recoupment of investment and interest on investment.

(c) As per the co–production and finance agreement of the film Gandhi between Sir Richard Attenborough, National Film Development Corporation, and other parties, 5 percent of the net profit of the film is payable to the Cine Artistes Welfare Fund of India.

(d) An agreement has been reached some time back with Sir Attenborough and the entire principal amount of 5% of the profits would be transferred to India. Out of the interest amount accumulated on the 5% profit in the UK account, £500,000 would be paid to other charities. The agreement has been confirmed by the Court in UK. National Film Development Corporation is making efforts to minimise the tax deductable at source in U.K. An amount of about Rs. 3 crores is expected to be received by Cine Artistes Welfare Fund of India in due course.